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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. 60

Date 17 October 1962

TO : Deputy Director/Support
Director of Training

SUBJECT : Reorientation on United States for Returnees

REFERENCE:

1. I recently had an extended and very interesting discussion with one of our senior officers back in the United States on home leave after two tours of duty abroad. He is now returning to his post for the third consecutive tour of duty. He noted that during his home leave he had travelled rather extensively in the United States, particularly in the East and Middle West, and had been greatly impressed by the tremendous changes in our country, and by the realization that he had lost touch with the progress of the country and had forgotten the dynamic vitality of the nation. He said that he thought it would be very useful if returnees were afforded some sort of organized reorientation on the country to bring them up to date and to make them aware of recent developments. I noted that I understood that the Department of State did this and took groups of Foreign Service Officers on tours to important factories, various cities, academic institutions, etc. (I was not aware as to whether this was part of the Mid-Career Course or how State handled it.) He expressed a strong viewpoint that we should try to participate in this program of State's or, if that was not possible, perhaps we could establish one of our own.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to commend this to your attention and to urge that as we develop our mandatory training program, reorientation of this nature be an integral part of it.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

SUSPENSE DATE: 1 December 1962

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